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CARDINALITY ESTIMATES USING STATISTICS ON PRE-DEFINED

QUERIES

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 23, 2009, please enter the following remarks in the above-identified application.